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SUBJECT: WARTIME AIRBASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NETHERLANDS

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 B. THE HAGUE 6014

1. EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY EXCHANGED NOTES AS
AUTHORIZED IN STATE REFTEL ON JANUARY 14, 1974. EMBASSY
NOTE AND APPENDED EXPLANATORY MINUTE SIGNED BY
AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE, QUOTING BACK TEXT
OF U.S. NOTE, SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL.

2. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF SIGNED EMBASSY NOTE AND
EXPLANATORY MINUTE AND ORIGINAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
NOTE WILL BE FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM TO
DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 723.7.

3. FYI- ON JANUARY 10, CHAIRMAN DANKERT OF SECOND
CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HIS LABOR PARTY
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COLLEAGUE DE VRIES PUT FOLLOWING WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO

DEFMIN VREDELING:

1. IS IT TRUE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NEGOTIATING
AT PRESENT WITH A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR MAKING AIRBASES
AVAILABLE FOR AMERICAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE DEFENSE OF CENTRAL
EUROPE IN CRISIS SITUATIONS?

2. IS IT TRUE THAT THESE REINFORCEMENTS WOULD CHANGE
THE POWER RELATIONS BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT WITH RESPECT
TO THE AIRFORCES IN AAFCE CONSIDERABLY IN FAVOR OF THE WEST?

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT REFERRED TO
IN QUESTION 1, HAS CONSIDERATION BEEN GIVEN TO USING PART OF
THE MONEY NECESSARY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STARFIGHTER TO
FINANCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR ABSORBING THESE REINFORCE-
MENTS OR FOR A GREATER PURCHASE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT
WEAPONS?

4. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE VREDELING RESPONSE WHEN IT
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